

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3-6, 8-10, and 12-13 and to add new claims 15-23. No new matter is entered, and consideration is therefore requested.

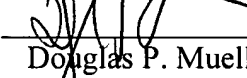
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455-3804.

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